



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

READ ACROSS GEORGIA MONTH

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring that all students learn to read proficiently and independently, thereby providing them with the skills to succeed in future academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS: Student reading and literacy abilities can be improved through consistent parental involvement in activities such as reading stories aloud to young children every day. Also, volunteering with a servant's heart in programs that build and strengthen student reading can have a significant and lasting impact on Georgia's families and communities; and

WHEREAS: During the month of March, schools around the state will participate in the Read Across Georgia initiative. First Lady Sandra Deal and others will visit schools across the state to promote literacy in the classroom throughout the month; and

WHEREAS: Students with strong reading and literary comprehension skills acquire academic foundations that prove beneficial long after high school graduation. Therefore, it is imperative that we increase the percentage of children reading proficiently and independently at grade level; and

WHEREAS: Children are Georgia's most precious resource. It is a priority that we invest in our students today, thereby securing their futures and preparing the next leaders of our state; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as READ ACROSS GEORGIA MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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